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In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-12, without prejudice.

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13. A composition comprising:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside;

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a partial ester of tartaric acid and/or its salt, a partial ester of malic acid and/or its salt, a partial ester of citric acid and/or its salt, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic active ingredient, a pharmaceutical active ingredient, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

14. The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is derived from a C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohol.

15. The composition of claim 13 wherein both (a) and (b) are derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.

16. The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

17. The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is a partial ester of tartaric acid derived from a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

18. The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is a partial ester of malic acid derived from a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

19. A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition by adding to the composition an effective amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a partial ester of tartaric acid and/or its salt, a partial ester of malic acid and/or its salt, a partial ester of citric acid and/or its salt, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

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20. The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is derived from a C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohol.
21. The process of claim 19 wherein both (a) and (b) are derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.
22. The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.
23. The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is a partial ester of tartaric acid derived from a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.
24. The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is a partial ester of malic acid derived from a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.
25. The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
26. The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 1 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
27. The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 2 to 15% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.